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## Offenders Give Back to Victims of Sexual Assault

Indianapolis, IN (April 25, 2013) – The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) presented a check to the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) today during INCASA's 2014 Conference to End Sexual Violence in Indianapolis. Almost \$14,000 was raised through offender programs and fundraisers from IDOC facilities across the state.

"Victim advocates are an essential part of the criminal justice system because they give victims a voice. The Department is honored to partner with INCASA to help bring awareness to the issue of sexual violence and provide victims the support and services they need to begin rebuilding their lives," stated IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon.

"The Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) is proud to partner with the Indiana Department of Correction in our joint effort to end sexual assault in Indiana communities. We are truly grateful for this financial contribution which will make a significant impact in our prevention programming," stated Jessica White, INCASA Interim Chief Executive Officer.



*Westville Correctional Facility Superintendent Mark Levenhagen presents a check to INCASA Interim CEO*

The Conference to End Sexual Violence is Indiana's only statewide conference focused on sexual violence issues, offering sessions addressing victim issues, offender treatment, medical and mental health promising practices, investigation and prosecution strategies and emerging trends in primary prevention.

### **About INCASA ([www.incasa.org](http://www.incasa.org))**

The Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) believes that sexual assault is a violent crime of power and domination that can be perpetrated against all persons, and that the healing of victims cannot be separated from the healing of society. INCASA exists to provide education, advocacy, and support to professionals, communities, and survivors regarding sexual violence in Indiana.

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